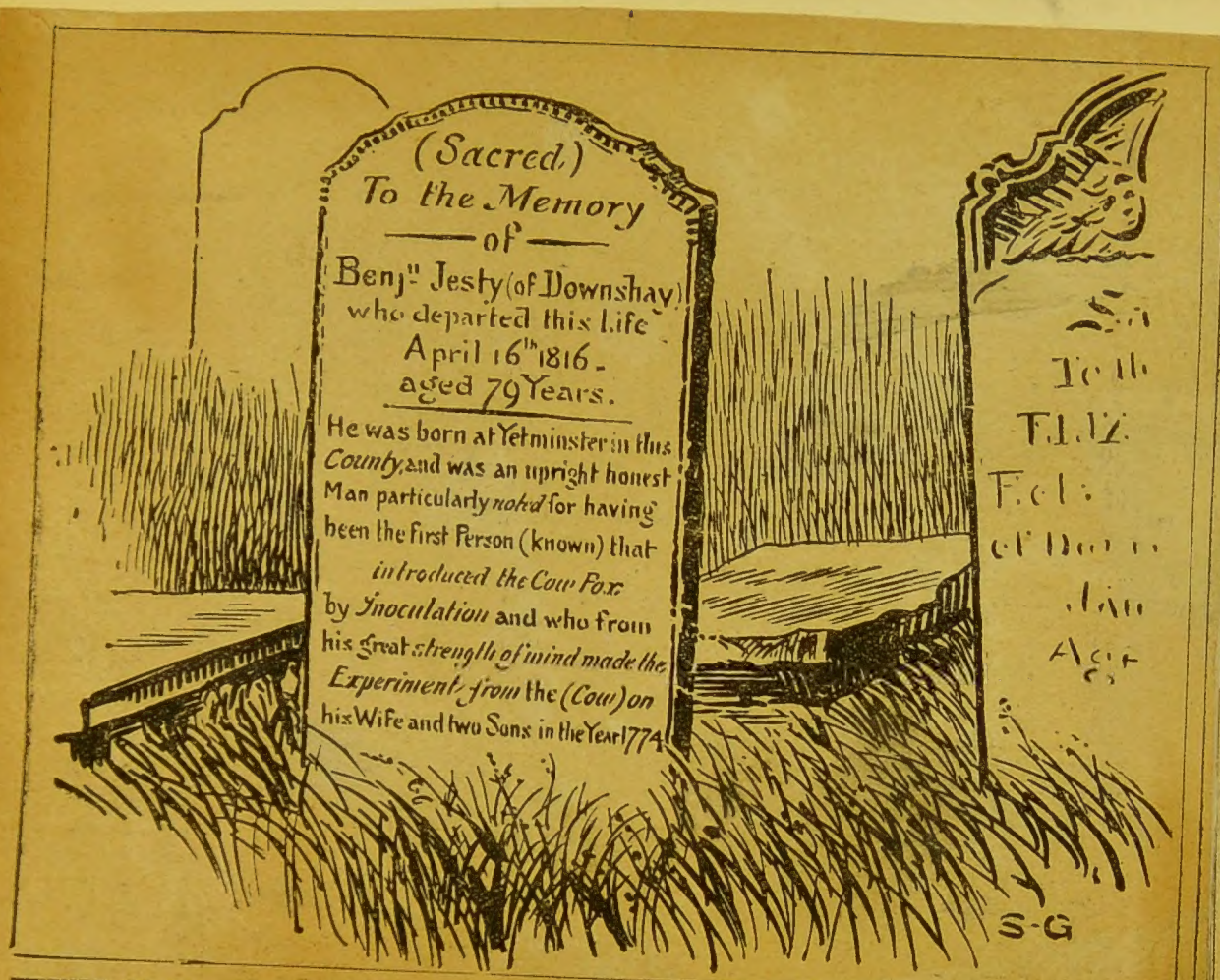
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TWENTY YEARS BEFORE JENNER: THE TOMB OF JESTY—A REPUTED EARLY VACCINATOR—IN WORTH MATRAVERS CHURCHYARD. (From a Photograph.)

tenced him to five years' penal servitude.

AN EARLY VACCINATOR.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

In view of the smallpox epidemic, the little churchyard of Worth Matravers, near Wareham, is just now an interesting spot owing to the fact that there lie the remains of Benjamin Jesty, who, according to the inscription on his tombstone, was the first person known to experiment with cowpox inoculation. It is also interesting to note that at the present time there is living at Worth Matravers a man whose mother was vaccinated by Jesty. The inscription on Benjamin Jesty's tombstone, which is distinctly decipherable, reads as follows:—"Sacred to the memory of Benjamin Jesty (of Downshay), who departed this life, April 16th, 1816, aged 79 years. He was born at Yetminster, in this county, and was an upright, honest man, particularly noted for having been the first person (known) that introduced the cowpox by inoculation, and who from his great strength of mind made the experiment from the (cow) on his wife and two sons in the year 1774." The tombstone on the right of Jesty's is that of his wife. The inscription, however, is scarcely decipherable, having become somewhat weather-beaten.

DEATH OF AN IRISH CENTENARIAN.—The death has just taken place at Moneyglass, co. Antrim, of Henry M. Closkey, said to be in his 107th year. At the late general election he walked to the place of polling and recorded his vote.

MAY-OATWAY FIRE ALARM.—The Attorney in New Zealand for the Magdeburg Insurance Company writes:—"Gives the earliest notice of an outbreak of fire."—53, New Broad Street, E.C.; or Merryweathers.—[ADVT.]

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